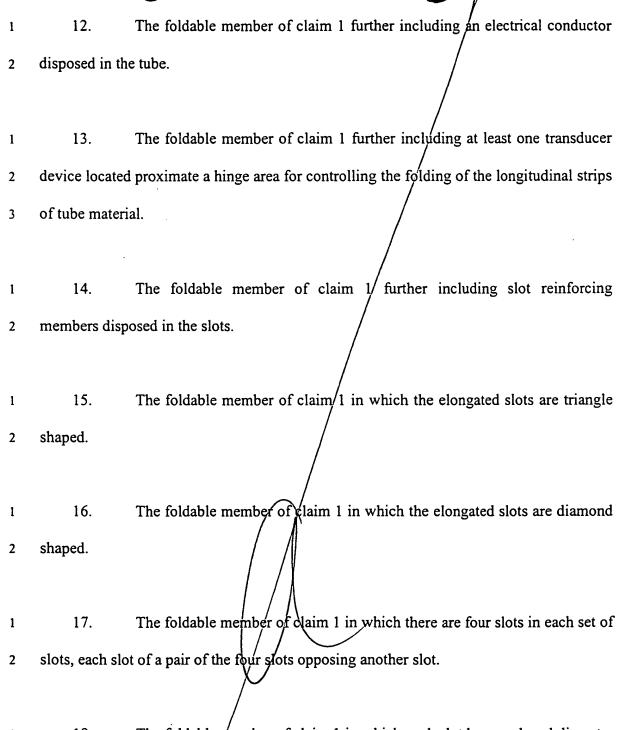


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- 1 6. The foldable member of claim 1 in which there are two sets of slots and
- 2 two slots in each set.
- The foldable member of claim 1 in which there is a stress relieving
- 2 member attached to each bridge element on the inside of the tube.
- 1 8. The foldable member of claim 1 in which the tube is made of a plastic
- 2 material.
- 1 9. The foldable member of claim 1 in which the tube is made of a composite
- 2 material.
- 1 10. The foldable member of claim 9 in which the composite material includes
- 2 a triaxial braid of fibers in a resin matrix.
- 1 11. The foldable member of claim 1 in which there are a plurality of hinge
- 2 areas spaced from each other along the length of the tube, each hinge area including
- 3 opposing sets of elongated slots.



1 18. The foldable member of claim 1 in which each slot has a reduced diameter

2 portion.

19. The foldable member of claim 1 further including a second tube disposed

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- 2 inside the first tube.
- 1 20. The foldable member of claim 19 in which the second tube includes
- 2 opposing sets of elongated slots/at the hinge area thereof.

1	21.	A collapsible structure comprising:
2		a plurality of joined members;
3		a selected number of said members each including:
4		a tube;
5		at least one predetermined hinge area along the
6		length of the tube; and
7		opposing sets of elongated slots in the tube at the hinge area
8		thereof forming separated longitudinal strips of tube material
9		between the slots which fold when subjected to localized buckling
10		forces, //
11		each slot of each set of elongated slots separated
12		longitudinally along the length of the tube from each adjacent slot by
13		a bridge element of tube material.
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1	1 22.	A foldable member comprising:
2		at least a first tube made of layers of material;
3		at least one predetermined hinge area along the length of the first
4		tube; and
5		a plurality of opposing elongated slots in the tube through the
6		layers of material forming separated longitudinal strips of layers of tube
7		material between the slots which fold when subjected to localized
8		buckling forces.
Ì	2 23.	The foldable member of claim 22 in which first tube includes a sheet of
2	plastic mater	ial wrapped around itself several times forming the layers of tube material.
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1	3 24.	The foldable member of claim 23 further including an adhesive securing
2		plastic material to each other at selected locations along the length of the
3	tube.	
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1	25.	The foldable member of claim 24 in which the adhesive is a tape.
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1	526.	The foldable member of claim 24 in which the sheet of plastic material
2	comes from	a roll of plastic stock material and has a round memory.
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1	67.	The foldable member of claim 22 in which the layers of material are

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laminated to each other except at the predetermined hinge area.